

# The Tryon Daily Bulletin

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## Visit to Pipe Industry By Conservation Committee

The Conservation committee recently made a visit to the laurel-root pipe industry, the results of which will be of interest to the public.

There are now several of these plants in operation, the nearest being the one in Hendersonville under the management of the Farmers' Federation. It was pictured in a recent issue of the Asheville Citizen and is even more interesting than the pictures.

First we were shown hundreds of laurel stumps, ready for the sawing; many were three and four feet in circumference and weighing, the manager explained over a thousand pounds. The "burls" or knots are embedded in the root stocks so that the entire tree must be taken up. This requires a trained crew of men and a derrick. Only the older and larger trees seem to contain the burls.

These stumps are then sawed into thick blocks and again into smaller ones nearer the size of a pipe bowl. This process is also one for skilled labor only; the wood is exceedingly hard, the sawing dangerous. No inexperienced worker need apply. Next the blocks are boiled for many hours to extract the sap. The farmers tell us the laurel is poisonous to stock. Probably the sap might be a trifle unwholesome for the pipe smoker. It did not have the odor one could associate with what we hear described as a "great smoke".

The last exhibit was the pack  
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## Basketball Tonight at 7:30; Tryon Hi Vs. Flat Rock Hi

The Tryon high school basketball team will swing into action again tonight when the strong Henderson county five comes to the local gym. The invaders are reputed to have one of the strongest teams in Western North Carolina and the Tryon quintet will have its hands full. Flat Rock has not played in Tryon for several years and their appearance on the Tryon schedule furnishes the fans with an opportunity to see a well-played match.

The Tryon team will be in full strength for the contest, and anxious to start on the winning side again.

The Tryon line-up will be taken from the following: McFarland, Jackson, Green, Vining, Taylor, Melton, Brock, Byers, Baker, Beatson.

Referee: Culler (Appalachian);  
time of game 7:30.

## Tryon School Closed Today

As-a precaution to prevent the spread of influenza, the Tryon school closed today to reopen on Monday. The number of cases of illness were reported about 20 on Thursday. Due to a change in weather conditions, local physicians advised that a three day suspension of classes would aid in checking the disease. Parents are urged to cooperate in keeping school children out of the weather and from congregating in crowded public places.